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SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

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97th plenary meeting

Tribute to the memory of the late Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic, His Excellency Mr. Jumabek Ibraimov

The Acting President made a statement.

The General Assembly observed one minute of silence in tribute to the memory of the late Prime Minister of the Kyrgyz Republic, His Excellency Mr. Jumabek Ibraimov.

Reports of the Fifth Committee

The Rapporteur of the Fifth Committee introduced the reports of the Committee on agenda items 112, 112 and 119, 113, 114, 117 to 119, 141, 143 (a) and 145.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/521/Add.2) [112]

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of vote.

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/53/521/Add.2) (resolution 53/217).

The Assembly adopted draft decisions I and II recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 12 of the same report.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 112.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations; human resources management: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/533/Add.1) [112 and 119]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/53/533/Add.1) (resolution 53/218).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda items 112 and 119.

Note: The PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA and the SUMMARY OF SCHEDULED MEETINGS of bodies other than those of the General Assembly at its fifty-third session appear in PART II (English/French) of the present issue of the *Journal* (No. 1999/65 (PART II)).

Programme budget for the biennium 1998–1999: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/485/Add.2) [113]

The General Assembly adopted draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 13 of its report (A/53/485/Add.2) (resolutions 53/219 and 53/220).

The Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 14 of the same report.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 113.

Programme planning: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/743/Add.1) [114]

The Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/53/743/Add.1).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 114.

Pattern of conferences: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/744/Add.1) [117]

The Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/53/744/Add.1).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 117.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [118]:

(a) Report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/464/Add.4)

(b) Letter from the Permanent Representative of Honduras to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly (A/53/900)

The representative of Honduras made a statement in the course of which he orally amended the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/53/464/Add.4).

The Assembly adopted the draft decision as orally amended.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 118.

Human resources management: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/748/Add.1) [119]

Statements in explanation of vote were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), the Philippines and India.

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/53/548/Add.1) (resolution 53/221).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 119.

Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/873) [141]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/53/873) (resolution 53/222).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 141.

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: financing of the United nations peacekeeping operations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/522/Add.2) [143 (a)]

The Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/53/522/Add.2).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 143.

Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B: report of the Fifth Committee (A/53/891) [145]

The Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 4 of its report (A/53/891).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 145.

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work: note by the Secretary-General (A/53/899) [8]

The General Assembly, on the proposal of the Secretary-General, decided to reopen the consideration of agenda item 12.

Report of the Economic and Social Council: note by the Secretary-General (A/53/899) [12]

The Assembly adopted the draft resolution contained in the annex to document A/53/899 (resolution 53/223).

The Acting President informed the Assembly that, in accordance with the relevant provision of General Assembly resolution 48/162, the Conference of the Food and Agricultural Organization was expected to adopt a parallel resolution at its next session in 1999.

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 12.

Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination (A/53/440/Add.2) [16 (a)]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 16.

The Assembly was reminded that, at its 43rd and 94th plenary meetings held on 26 October 1998 and 18 February 1999, the General Assembly had elected seven members to the Committee for a term of office expiring on 31 December 2001, and that there remained one vacancy from among the Western European and Other States for a term of office beginning on the date of the election and expiring on 31 December 1999.

Since the number of candidates nominated by the Economic and Social Council from among the Western European and Other States did not exceed the number of seats to be filled, Portugal was declared elected member of the Committee for Programme and Coordination for a term of office beginning on 7 April 1999 and expiring on 31 December 1999.

The Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 16.

Strengthening of the United Nations system: draft resolution (A/53/L.74) [58]

Environment and sustainable development: implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States: draft resolution (A/53/L.76) [94 (c)]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 58 and sub-item (c) of agenda item 94.

The Acting President informed the Assembly of the consensus reached regarding the dates of sessions of the General Assembly, namely that, as indicated in draft resolution A/53/L.74, the fifty-third session of the General Assembly will close on Monday, 13 September 1999 and the fifty-fourth session will open on Tuesday, 14 September 1999.

The Assembly was also informed that, as indicated in draft resolution A/53/L.76, the special session of the General Assembly on Small Island Developing States will be held on Monday and Tuesday, 27 and 28 September 1999.

The Acting President also informed the Assembly that, as a result of the consensus reached on these dates, an agreement had also been reached that the general debate of the fifty-fourth session would be held from Monday, 20 September, to Saturday, 25 September, and from Wednesday, 29 September, to Saturday, 2 October 1999.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement..

The representative of South Africa (on behalf of the Joint Coordinating Committee of the Group of 77 and the Non-Aligned Movement) made a statement in explanation of vote on A/53/L.76.

The Assembly adopted draft resolutions A/53/L.74 and L.76 (resolutions 53/224 and 53/189 B).

The Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 58 and sub-item (c) of agenda item 94.

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